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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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In re Application of)
Michael A. Marra et al.) Group: 2121
Serial No.: 09/226,971)
Filed: January 8, 1999)
Title: METHOD OF REGULATING A TARGET)
SYSTEM USING A FREQUENCY)
COMPARISON OF FEEDBACK AND)
REFERENCE PULSE TRAINS) Examiner: S. R. Garland

SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY BRIEF OF APPELLANT

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Responsive to the Examiner's Supplemental Answer dated September 22, 2004,

Appellants submit the following Supplemental Reply Brief.

This Supplemental Reply does not supplant any of the previous filings by Appellants, but is proffered for the purpose of responding to the Examiner's Supplemental Answer.

Responsive to the Examiner's argument that claims 1 and 8 of Appellants' invention are anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,212,434 (Hsieh) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), Appellants submit that:

Appellants reassert that Hsieh does not teach, disclose or suggest the comparison of frequencies and the generation of a control signal based on that comparison, as recited in part by claim 1.

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